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Reds' 'No Bargaining' On Peace Point No. 1 Creates New Pessimism

MR PENG CHAO-HSIEN NO LONGER A DELEGATE

Shanghai, Jan. 25.—The Chinese Red radio broadcast, in which a spokesman of the Communist Party made it plain that there would be no bargaining on Mao Tze-tung's No. 1 peace point—punishment of "war criminals"—today sent hopes of the government's top peacemakers diving to a new low.

One leading figure told the United Press: "Speaking frankly, it is too late to start talking peace."

At the same time, Shao Li-tzg, head man of the government's five-man peace delegation, in an interview with the United Press, said: "I did not have time to study the text of the Chinese Red broadcast with all its implications, so I cannot comment. But in overall peace efforts the important thing to remember is that the government makes the final decisions. But after having glanced through this statement I still have hopes that the Communists will make an early announcement as to the place where negotiations should be started. The Communists themselves should devote more attention to alleviating and ending the suffering of the people of China instead of placing the accent on war criminals."

The Communist broadcast, referring to the government's announced policy of winning Red concessions on the "war criminals" point, bluntly stated that instead of reducing the number of names on the list they are going to add to it. It was true, the Communist broadcast said, that the Communists are willing to negotiate with government peacemakers, but at the same time it said that "no reactionaries" would be allowed in the new government to be created by the Political Consultative Conference."

The broadcast's effects on the government's peace campaign were summed up by one peacemaker: "There was general agreement between groups of people we contacted that there is a very wide gap between the Kuomintang and the Communist Party and it will be very difficult to narrow the gap. Some still believe that it can be done. But speaking frankly, it is too late to start talking peace."

The latest Chinese Red reaction was considered to be the toughest. Shao said, "The wording of this broadcast and the conditions it imposes puts the government in a difficult situation. I cannot predict what the government reaction will be. Personally I still hope for peace. I have been an advocate for peace for a long time. But peace needs strong support—the support of all people in the country. There is a strong attitude among some government officials that the Chinese Red Party will continue to demand nothing less than complete surrender."

NOT ENCOURAGED

Shao said that if the Executive Yuan interprets the new set of conditions as unacceptable "then I have

no choice but to resign as a peace delegate. But I personally hope that the government, even after seeing this new Communist broadcast, will not immediately halt peace efforts, but will continue to seek a new avenue."

Shao was not even encouraged by an implication in the broadcast that peace talks might possibly be held in Peiping within a few days. He accepted the fact that the war criminals' condition is the biggest stumbling block.

Shao and General Chang Chichung were returning to Nanking today to report to the Executive Yuan their conversations with the Liberals here. Shao insisted, however, that he had not come to Shanghai for "conferences" but merely to renew acquaintance with his "old friends", including such personages as Madame Sun Yat-sen, Mr. Chang Lin, Mr. Lo Lung-chi, and Mr. Carson Chang—all Liberals.—United Press.

DECLINES APPOINTMENT

Nanking, Jan. 26.—Mr. Peng Chao-hsiens has declined his appointment to the Nationalist five-man peace delegation, it was learned last night from the Red broadcast reference to a further war criminals list.—Reuter-AAP.

NEW NOMINEE

Shanghai, Jan. 26.—Mr. Mo Teng-hui, Manchurian civic leader, has agreed to replace Mr. Peng Chao-hsiens on the Nationalist five-man peace delegation, if invited by President Li Tsung-jen, according to reports current here this morning.

Mr. Mo, who enjoys considerable popularity among Kuomintang Liberals, is non-partisan.

Third Party leaders in Shanghai expressed belief that the peace talks would continue, even though Nanking may come under Communist artillery bombardment.

Mr. Huang Yen-pel, leader of the Democratic League, said that although the fast spreading of the war in the Nanking area has been "discouraging" to the peace promoters' efforts to get peace, the talks already started would not be interrupted.—Reuter.

HUPEH FIGHTING

Hankow, Jan. 26.—Fighting has broken out in the vicinity of Mienchiang, a Hupch town about 70 miles northeast of Hankow, according to reports reaching Hankow today.

The reports state that Communist forces have advanced from the Anhwei-Honan border region and the task of securing some workable settlement remains, and it is one not rendered any easier by the uncompromising attitude of both Jews and Arabs at the Rhodes armistice discussions.

Nevertheless the moment has arrived for it to be shown that Britain and the United States can achieve the unity of outlook which has always been a condition of lasting peace in the Middle East. The British Government is about to offer tangible evidence that it is willing to go a full half-way in order to realize this unity.

SOUTHWARD MOVE

Nanking, Jan. 26.—A Foreign Ministry spokesman today announced that the Foreign Minister has sent identical notes to all Embassies and Legations in Nanking notifying them of the government's decision to move "southwards." He added that this meant Canton.

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Palestine Armistice Talks Suspended

DELEGATES SEEKING NEW INSTRUCTIONS

Rhodes, Jan. 25.—The Israeli and Egyptian delegations to the Rhodes armistice talks suspended all formal and informal negotiations today as their special envoys flew to Tel-Aviv and Cairo for new instructions.

Observers said the present lull might lead either to renewed talks towards the end of the week, or to a complete breakdown of the negotiations, despite yesterday's official declaration that the acting Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, had straightened out "serious difficulties."

If the talks were to break down, the cause would be the same as before, these sources said—the Egyptian insistence that the Security Council's November 4 resolution should be the basis for negotiation, and the Israeli contention that the present military situation is the only realistic guide.

Should the talks be resumed, observers believe, the atmosphere would be more promising than before because each side would know more exactly the other's attitude. Dr. Bunche was faced with the problem of co-ordinating his task at Rhodes with the United Nations Conciliation Commission, now beginning work in Jerusalem and whose sphere is likely to overlap the acting Mediator's.

Israel was believed to be in no hurry to conclude the conference until after today's Israeli elections, as these might affect both foreign policy and the armistice talks.

TO THE POLLS

In Israel today, early voters went to the polls in brilliant sunshine for the young State's first general election to select 120 members of the National Assembly from 1,201 candidates.

Several polling booths opened their doors early in the morning with long queues already outside. Favourable weather combined with a national holiday were expected to improve the chances of the Premier, Mr. David Ben Gurion's, Labour Party, the MAPAI, retaining control of the Government.

Mr. Ben Gurion was one of the first voters at a Tel-Aviv polling booth. His party was expected today to gain from 30 to 35 percent of the total vote.

TERRORISTS' CAMPAIGN

The strong anti-British campaign of the Stern and Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorist movements appeared to have produced a big turnout in the poorer districts, their traditional headquarters.

Their extreme right-wing propaganda, aimed at showing the present Government as the "agent of Britain", seemed to be bearing results.

Religious parties who are particularly strong in Jerusalem turned out in strength for early voting.

Prayers to "save the State from heretics" were offered in some synagogues by Jews who believed that a State not founded on religion is bound to perish.

The Communists were polling a heavy vote in the slum districts and in the Arab quarters, but it was small proportionately.

Arabs were voting extreme left as a "protest" vote rather than a positive vote, political observers said.

Apart from a few demonstrations mainly by Communists and terrorists—the first hours of the elections passed off without incident in Tel-Aviv. Reports from other parts of the country indicate that all was quiet.—Reuter.

RECOGNITION DELAY

London, Jan. 25.—Formal announcement of Britain's recognition of Israel was delayed today by consultations with the Dominions, other countries of the Western Union and the Arab states.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will tell the House of Commons tomorrow in the debate on Palestine why recognition has been held so long and why the Cabinet has finally decided to grant it. However, an official announcement is now unlikely until the end of the week, possibly after the meeting of the Western Union Foreign Ministers which opens here on Thursday.—United Press.

LONDON DISCUSSIONS

The Hague, Jan. 25.—The five Western Union Foreign Ministers will discuss the question of the recognition of Israel when they meet in London on Friday and Saturday, it was learned here today.

Dutch sources believed that they might make a decision on formal recognition and make a joint announcement. The Netherlands Government's own editor did not yet appear settled although it was felt that it would probably conform to any decision taken by the other four powers—Britain, France, Belgium and Luxembourg.

One of the Dutch problems about Israel's recognition is that the majority of the Indonesians are believed to have made it clear that they do not favour Israel being recognised while the present dispute between Israel and the Arab States exists.

Dr. D. U. Silscher, the Dutch Foreign Minister, is expected to leave for London by boat on Wednesday night.—Reuter.

FRANCE EXPLANATION

Paris, Jan. 25.—The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman announced today that French de facto recognition of Israel was based on a two-point agreement fixing indemnities for damages to French property in Israel and the status of French establishments there.

It was giving the Council of Ministers details of the de facto recognition announced yesterday.—Reuter.

Rescuing Snowbound Livestock

BIG OPERATION IN WESTERN U.S.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Air force planes, army bulldozers, trucks and foot parties were pressed into the battle to save snowbound livestock in the Western United States yesterday. The rescue operation was one of the most widespread of its kind that was ever attempted.

Meanwhile, new cold, snow, sleet and floods hit various sections.

In Washington, a U.S. Senate Committee approved a \$750,000 emergency fund to finance the rescue work in Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, South Dakota and sections of North Dakota. The legislature considered a \$100,000 special disaster fund.

A thick blanket of snow that trapped more than 10,000 range cattle and more than 1,000,000 sheep extended from Western California to the Dakotas.

Winter temperatures skidded to more than 40 degrees below zero fahrenheit in parts of Wyoming and Montana. Carlin, Nevada, reported 57 degrees below zero as the coldest spot in the country.—Associated Press.



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By PRUNELLA WOOD

IT has been so long since this department has seen a camel's hair coat of the cloud-like softness which made them treasures in fashion history, that words are rusty to describe the model sketched here. Indeed, nine out of ten women seeing the words "Camel's hair coat" would automatically suppose them to refer to a polo coat, with some proportion of camel hair in the wool fabric. The coat shown here, however, is really camel, natural

tan, on the outside, scarlet plaid on the under-side, the two sides woven together that way. It is warm and soft, is weighed in ounces not pounds, and is cut both long and perfectly straight.

A wonderful traveller, a wonderful throw-on for donkey's years in any wardrobe.

Balmain introduces white plique as a trimming for black evening dresses. He sets it around the bust-line of a strapless black velvet princess-lined dress and again on the choker neckline of one of his popular mermaid dresses.

This last was in fine black wool and had the mermaid's tail spilling out from a group of sunny plating set a calf-level at the back. A tremendous bow of steel taffeta provided the tip interest.

Balmain shows them with many suits and dresses in both contrast and self colours. On a smoke-blue jersey dress, which had a gored skirt in front and triple inverted pleat at centre back, he sets a bright plaid

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



NO LEAKS—A machine operator checks a cable winding machine in Schenectady, New York, with a detector so sensitive it can spot leaks of infinitesimal size. The cables are being wound for field coils of a giant "atom smasher" still under construction.



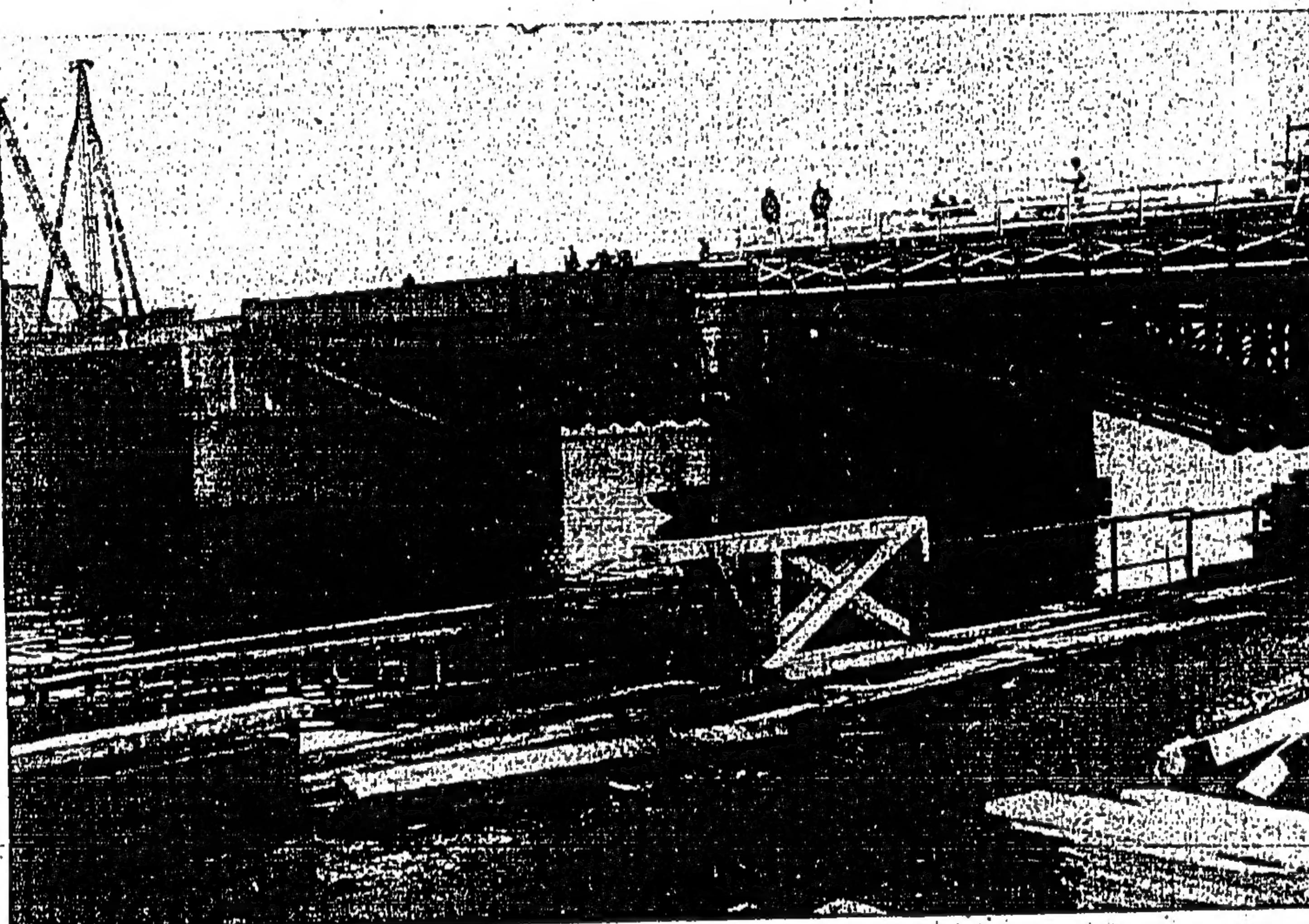
COMFORTS OF HOME—A view of the roomy lower-deck lounge planned for the latest in plane travel. These Seattle, Washington, folk take it easy in a lounge seating 14 persons, containing a snack bar and five sight-seeing windows.



SHE MADE IT—Polish born Susan Horn exhibits her entry permit upon arrival in New York from London. She will marry Lt. H. K. Ludlow of Seattle, Washington. They met in Vienna in 1947.



TROPICAL MILKSHAKE—Bonnie O'Grady of Arlington, Massachusetts, has a snack of coconut milk in Isla Verde, Puerto Rico. The vendor demonstrates his "bottle opener"—a razor-sharp machete.



COMPLETING SPAN—Allied airmen knocked this bridge to pieces, together with many other strategic spans across the Main River during 1945. With the extensive rebuilding being done in Frankfurt, this large span at Frankfurt-On-Main, Germany, is almost completely restored.



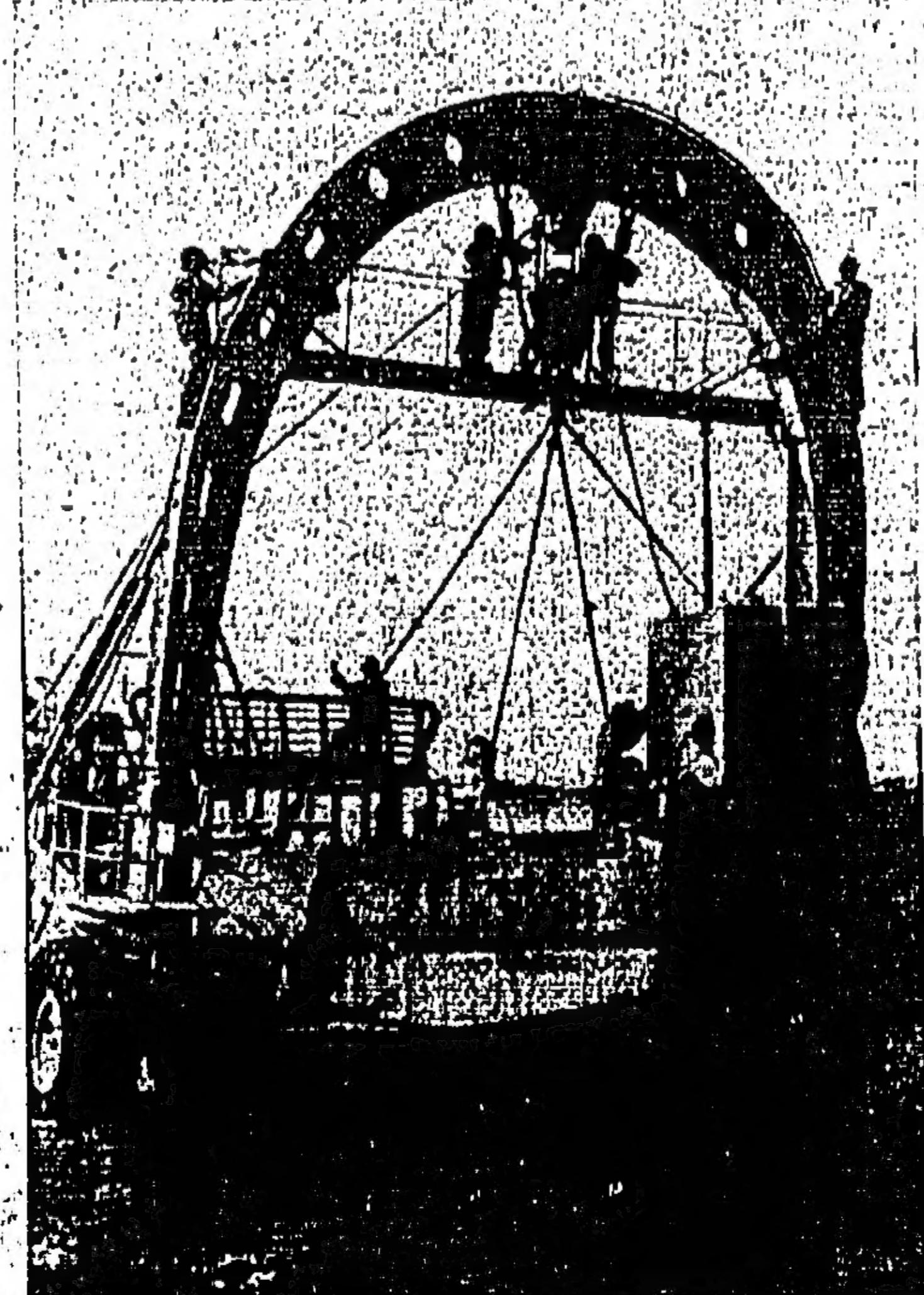
PHOTOGENIC BEAUTIES—Irma Stroh, of Beverly Hills, California, and hen, selected as the most photogenic in the nation, have something in common. Wearing a chicken feather hat, the California miss is a finalist in the national "Miss Stardust" contest.



LAW AND ORDER—Brian Grafe, left, and Jacqueline Naylor are pleased to have a coat tail to steady their escapades on skates. The policeman takes care of children on Westbury Pond in Nassau County, New York.



THAT KNOWING WINK—Skater Margie Lee of a New York ice show wears her new crown of "Miss '49 on Ice," as voted by fellow performers.



STILL ON THE JOB—United States Navy technicians operate a Gilhoist crane, resembling a giant horseshoe, as it raises a damaged landing craft from the waters off Washington, District of Columbia, for emergency repair. The 19-ton crane is capable of lifting loads up to 75 tons.



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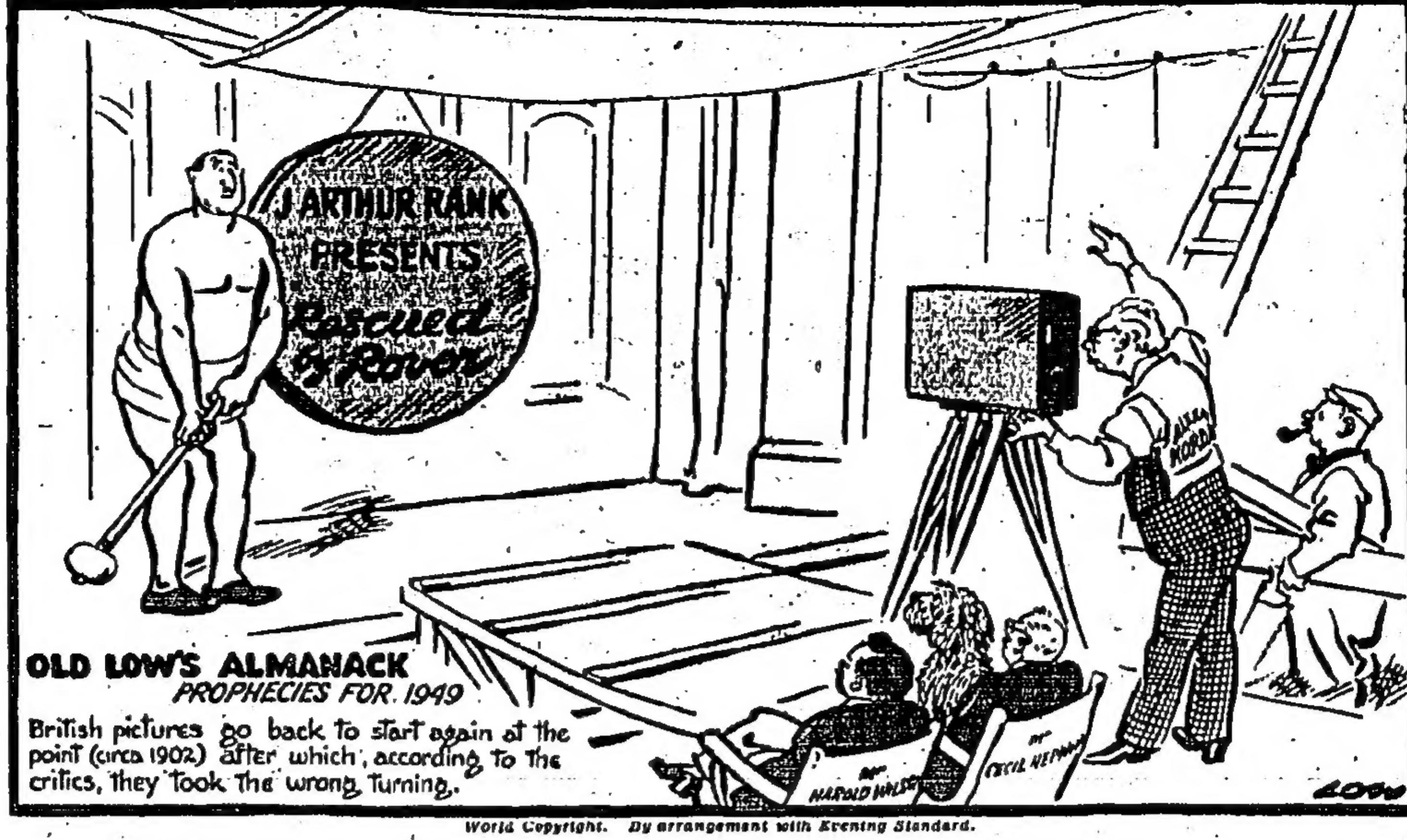
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FINAL INSTALMENT:

EISENHOWER WAS
MY BOSS

By KAY SUMMERSBY

At this time, General Eisenhower had no idea of the spectacular acclaim awaiting him in London, Paris, New York, Amsterdam, Prague, Brussels, Washington, Luxembourg, Belfast, Warsaw, Moscow...half the world. To celebrate the victory, he simply wanted to see—for the first time in three years—a good, light show.

A sudden invitation to appear before the British Cabinet provided the perfect opportunity. Arrangements were made for the long-awaited theatre party, with tickets to "Strike a New Note." General Bradley was invited along as a special guest, as well as Jimmy Gault and I. Happily, the General's son John was in Rennes for a few days' leave from the First Infantry Division, and able to join his father in this social excursion.

The festive air began on the flight over to England. General Eisenhower and I won 100 francs in a bridge game with General Bradley and Jimmy.

Jimmy ran into difficulties with Customs officials at Northolt airfield. They questioned his frank declaration of 18 bottles of champagne. But when he explained, "It's for General Eisenhower's V-E party," the authorities smiled and turned their backs.

We all had lunch at Telegraph Cottage and a champagne buffet that night in General Bradley's suite at the Dorchester Hotel. General Eisenhower had thoughtfully invited my mother and Tony Porter, a WREN friend, Mrs. Gault, and Sir Louis and Lady Gregg.

All of us remarked that our host, resplendent in a tailored summer uniform, looked boyishly happy.

Big Ovation

WHEN he appeared in the box at the Prince of Wales Theatre, the entire audience rose to its feet and almost shouted the roof off with un-English abandon. They cheered, whistled, stamped, and applauded until, bowing to cries of "Speech!" he leaned on the rail and signalled for quiet.

The General spoke briefly, emphasising his delight at being back in England. "It's nice," he grinned, "to be back in a country where I can almost speak the language!"

Our next stop was Ciro's. The General said he might be criticised for stealing a little personal fun, but he didn't care: this was his first night out, and he had waited a long time for it. He clung tightly to that mood throughout the evening, dancing impartially with all us women, completely free from any thought of the war just over or the peace just beginning. He glowed when the orchestra played "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

That night was the one time in his entire war career when I ever saw General Eisenhower completely relaxed, thoroughly enjoying himself, without a care or a wrinkle of worry. The other people, bless their English hearts, sensed his feelings and gave him a maximum of privacy. Most of the time he was just another customer, although happier than most.

He and John exchanged meaningful looks when the band played an Eisenhower request, "One Dozen Roses." It was a heartfelt tribute to Mrs. Eisenhower, expressing a wish she could have been there, too.

General Eisenhower's quiet little V-E celebration ended about 2.30 in the morning.

Victory Month

HE was up in time to attend the Cabinet meeting and to lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Churchill. We returned to the Continent immediately afterwards.

Appropriately, Supreme Headquarters moved on into Germany before the so-called "victory month" of May was over. And most of us found the city of Frankfurt very German and very devastated, just as we had expected.

As the summer wore on, headquarters life as we had known it during the war disappeared entirely.

To provide the General with a little social life, without the obligations of formal society, we occasionally had him and a few intimates over to our WAC house for dinner and an evening of bridge. Several times a week, he and I went horseback riding, following doctor's orders that the General get more exercise.

Early in September, we made a trip to Austria to see General Clark for the first time since Caserta. He and General Ike hiked off to a mountain hunting lodge for some long-awaited fishing.

On that same trip, we visited Berchtesgaden. I thought the occasion especially noteworthy when, atop the mountain, General Eisenhower spotted a big sign, "Eagle's Nest—Officers Only." His neck and cheeks flamed, but, unlike Patton, he made no scene.

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Sitting on the Fence
by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"YOU are becoming a bore," said The Devil to the dead clubman.

"I say," said the dead clubman, "you can't talk to me like that, you know."

"As president of the biggest and best club either in this world or the one you have recently left," said The Devil, "I can say what I like to any member."

"Look here," said the dead clubman, "it really isn't good enough. I was a member of all the best clubs in London and New York—and in most cases an honorary member because of my entertainment value, even though I say it myself."

"You tell a good story with wit, charm, and perfect timing," said The Devil. "You are also a first-class mimic."

"I was always considered rather good at that," said the dead clubman.

"It is a great gift," said The Devil, pouring whisky into another champagne while the clubman's back was turned. "But, of course, though highly entertaining, it is not good for the dead clubman's health."

"Your resignation is accepted," said The Devil, prodding him with a red-hot fork. "Off you go. Perhaps you will meet Mr. Shakespeare and some other funny ex-members."

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In a safe hotel

"WELL, here we are at last, Muriel."

"Here we are."

"If this hotel isn't safe from atom bombs I don't know what place will be safe."

"Nor do I."

"How far are we away from London?"

"About five or six hundred miles, I think."

"Five or six hundred miles, you think. Why don't you know for certain? A hundred miles might make all the difference if anything happened."

"I suppose it might."

"I told you to find the best hotel in the Western Highlands as far away from London as possible and you don't even know how far it is."

"There are some further north and some on the islands."

"Why didn't you book at one of those?"

"Because they're not first class hotels."

"Oh, I see. Not good enough for my lady Muriel I suppose?"

"It doesn't matter to me."

"Don't put on airs, Muriel. You know perfectly well you demand the best of everything like most people who were not born to it. How have you arranged your mountains?"

"But they all like my imitations," said the dead clubman.

"They all liked Will Shakespeare's imitations," said The Devil. "They all liked them but me."

"Fancy old Will Shakespeare being a mimic," said the dead clubman.

"Well, well, well. Why didn't you like his imitations?"

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Evidence Of Arrest Given In PWD Larceny Trial

Evidence of the arrest of Austin Spary, electrical inspector and Kwok Kwong, foreman, both of the PWD, was given by acting ASP J. Johnston this morning at the Criminal Sessions, where Spary and Kwok are on trial before Mr Justice Reynolds.

Kwok and Spary face nine charges of larceny by public servant, one of obtaining money by false pretences from the steward of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, and one of conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

Extortion Hearing Continues

Three of the four accused on trial before Mr Justice Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions on extortion charges were this morning identified by a prosecution witness as having made demands for money.

The witness, Fung Yuk, wife of Ho Luk, master of the Ah Tung Electrical Shop, No. 181 Chongshawan Road, was giving evidence at the trial of three wardens attached to Victoria Remand Prison. Timothy Din, 29, Gussy Maria dos Santos, 26, and Sapo Ahmed, 20, and an ex-warden, Joni Maria Dias Azeo.

The four men are charged on a total of 11 counts of demanding money with menaces, corruption in office, and conspiracy.

The prosecution's case alleged that the accused, on the pretence that they were in a position to prevent Ho Luk, arrested for receiving stolen property on August 1, 1948, and detained at Victoria Remand Prison from August 7 onwards, from being assaulted, obtained various sums of money from Ho's wife and other people known to him.

Fung Yuk, who began her evidence yesterday, when she alleged that all the accused had appeared at her shop on occasions and made certain demands, told the Court this morning that on one occasion she paid \$40 to the third accused, who wrote his number on a piece of paper and then left.

On August 15, the second accused, Santos, appeared and handed her two pieces of paper. Witness asked a fok, Chan Yau-ling, to translate their contents to her. The wife were requests for \$40. Witness told Santos that she did not have that amount on her, but at that moment a woman friend, Li San-ho, arrived, and witness borrowed \$5, the only money Li had, from her and gave it to Santos. He accepted the money without saying anything. Before he left, witness told him to return the next day for the balance.

The same day witness showed the two foks to another fok, Ho Shing, and told him where they came from. The next day, several policemen came to the shop. Witness handed the Police \$30 in threes \$10 banknotes, and these were later returned to her.

ACCEPTED \$30

On August 18, Santos made another appearance, and asked for \$40. Witness told him she had only \$30, and handed him the three banknotes she had passed to the Police two days before. Santos took the money and put it into his breast pocket. Witness asked him for his number, and Santos wrote it down on a piece of paper and handed it to her. At that moment, two detectives who had concealed themselves in the shop made their presence known and took Santos into custody.

The next day, witness said, she attended an identification parade at Victoria Remand Prison, and there picked out the first and third accused.

Asked by Crown Counsel, Mr. M. Heenan, who prosecuted, why she had made the payments to the men, witness replied that she had learned from her husband during her visits to him in the Remand Prison that if anyone asked for money she was to pay up so that he would not be assaulted.

Cross-examined by first accused, witness affirmed that \$50 had been given him by her fok in her presence during his first visit to the shop. She agreed that the money had been handed over with identification of the recipient, and explained that she would have handed money over to anyone who claimed to be from Victoria Remand Prison, because she did not want her husband assaulted during his detention.

Witness also admitted she had visited her husband at the Remand Prison and had been informed there by him of the threats to assault him. She declared she made no report to the Prison Superintendent or to anyone else because of fear of the consequences to her husband.

The other accused questioned witness regarding the times of the visits they were, alleged to have made to the shop, and said they could not have been there at the times mentioned because they were then on duty, or due, back at the Prison for duty.

The trial is proceeding.

Tory MP For Palestine

London, Jan. 25.—Mr. Walter Elliott, Conservative Member of Parliament and former Minister of Health, is to leave for Palestine tomorrow by air "to study conditions on the spot."

He will stay in Palestine for a week or 10 days.—Reuters.

Outrages Against Britons In Suez Canal Zone

London, Jan. 25.—Sir John Graham Kerr, Conservative, asked the War Secretary, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, in the House of Commons today if he was aware of outrages against Europeans in the Suez Canal Zone, culminating in a young officer being stripped and left for dead.

He asserted that the enclosure of the wives and children of British troops within barbed wire defences had caused indignation, and asked for reinforcement of the European police.

Mr. Shinwell replied that he knew of the attack on the officer and of a few other isolated assaults.

The enclosing of the wives and children within the perimeter of their camp, he said, was a security measure designed for their protection. Even if more police were available, complete safety could not be guaranteed against attacks outside the camp.—Reuters.

Security Council Again Puts Off Indonesian Decision

Lake Success, Jan. 25.—The United Nations Security Council again deferred action on the Dutch-Indonesian quarrel today as the Asia conference nations stepped up their campaign to toughen the American-inspired settlement proposal.

Egypt, India and the Philippines, criticising the four-nation resolution as far too easy on the Dutch, urged the Council to take sterner action along the lines laid down by the unprecedented 19-nation New Delhi meeting on Monday.

United Nations observers predicted that the resolute campaign of the Asia conference nations would open the way for some amendments bolstering the proposal, put forward jointly by the United States, Norway, Cuba and China.

The Egyptian delegate, Mahmoud Fawzi Bey, accused the Council of "excessive leniency" toward the Netherlands and it was reported that Egypt might bring in toughening amendments while the Council resumed the debate on the Indonesian angle on Thursday morning.

In any case, despite the Egyptian attack on the current draft and whatever the fate of any amendments, it was considered likely that Egypt would in the end back the four-nation plan and assure it of the seven votes needed for passage.

Mr. Vassily Tarnsenko, of the Ukraine, sharply attacked the whole proposal, calling it a "resolution of capitulation".

American delegation sources remained confident that the proposed resolution would pass when it finally reached the vote—perhaps on Thursday.

It was expected that the Ukraine would vote against it and that Russia, Argentina and France would abstain, leaving the plan with just enough supporters to pass.

The Egyptian delegate urged the Council to give the Committee of Good Offices power to "order" Dutch troop withdrawals from Republican territory instead of merely "recommending" withdrawals as provided in the blueprint as it now stands.

Sir Benegal Rama Rau, of India, paid particular attention to the four-nation time-table for transferring sovereignty of the Dominion type to the United States of Indonesia by July 1, 1950. He urged instead that the Council adopt the Asia

WANT VIDEO IN CARS BANNED

Chicago, Jan. 25.—The National Committee for Traffic Safety today appealed to all State Legislatures to pass laws banning television in automobiles.

Legislation outlawing vehicle video already is in force in eight States. A bill introduced in the Indiana legislature would ban a television screen which can be viewed by the driver.

The high toll of traffic deaths indicates that the driver needs to keep his mind on driving, the Committee spokesman said, "but even more needs to keep his eyes on the road."—United Press.

By Galbraith



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"If prices keep going up, I'll have to be making \$100,000 a year to send him to college—I'd better ask the boss for a raise right now!"

ECA Plane Flies Into Peiping

By SPENCER MOOSA

Peiping, Jan. 25.—An ECA plane load of medical supplies arrived today for free distribution to hospitals and clinics in this Communist controlled city.

The supplies, consisting mainly of penicillin and sulpha drugs, will be distributed by an ECA panel of Chinese doctors.

The plane, which was chartered by ECA from the China National Aviation Corporation, did not bear the usual CNAC insignia.

Captain Raymond Bowes, the American who piloted the plane here from Shanghai via Tsinling, said this was because it was under ECA charter.

In Peiping, all Nationalist arms and ammunition were being concentrated in depots for handing over to the Communists, who are still pulling wires from behind the scenes.

The Reds apparently do not intend to come into the open until the joint administrative committee consisting of four Reds and three Nationalists is formally installed.

Various Nationalist organisations, such as the Chinese Government Information Office, are still under their original direction.

J. C. Sun, who was appointed director of this office when the siege began, is in a plight which typifies that of many other officials.

He has so far not received any funds to pay himself and his staff, who consequently face a bleak Chinese New Year.

The censors are still those which the Nationalists appointed when they instituted censorship in Peiping on January 1, but they are quite lackadaisical about their work.

They take three or four hours for lunch or dinner, while correspondents fume and fret and their messenger boys wait restlessly.

A Nationalist official apologised for them by saying, "Of course they are demoralised. I suppose we all are."

Communist currency has yet to make its appearance in Peiping itself, though it circulates freely outside the city.

Deals in United States currency, gold bullion and silver dollars have been brisk since cease fire day, January 22, with wide and rapid fluctuations.

Everyone is trying to guess what rates of exchange the Communists will establish, and every rumour on this subject, of which there are several score a day, disturbs the market.

Many different types of Communist currency are in circulation in Hopei Province, and as each has a different value, confusion is very great.—Associated Press.

China Peace Pessimism

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The Foreign Ministry statement said, "With reference to the transfer of the seat of the government southwards, the Foreign Office, in accordance with the decision of the government, sent identical notes this evening to all foreign Embassies and Legations in Nanking."

The spokesman declined to elaborate on his short-words statement whether Canton would be the seat of the government and whether the notes simply informed the diplomats of the government's decision to move or also asked them specifically to move too.

It was known, however, that Canton was selected as the new seat of the government and Foreign Embassies and Legations were notified to shift there.—United Press.

AIRLINES MAY RESUME

Shanghai, Jan. 26.—The Chinese airlines are seriously contemplating the resumption of services between Communist-held Peiping and Shanghai in response to a "radio message from the people of Peiping" according to the Chinese Press, today quoting official quarters.

Inquiries at the airline offices elicited the information that the request for the restoration of the Peiping-Shanghai service was radioed here by civic representatives in the northern city.

The message assured the airlines "full protection" and no "interference" by the Communist military headquarters in Peiping.

One airline is said to be planning a "test" flight to Peiping as soon as suitable radio communications are restored there. Airline officials here indicated it appeared that the Communists would permit the use of the captured west field of Peiping for the resumption of the regular service.

This airfield was previously employed as a major airline base in North China.—Reuters.

General Patton was relieved of command of the Third Army, shifted to the Fifteenth "paper Army."

On the last day of October, Iko gave me the nicest present of the war—or the peace—an empty seat on his plane, headed for Washington on official business.

I took out my first papers towards becoming an American citizen.

Arriving back in Germany after the short trip, I found the General packing. He was taking over from General Marshall, who had postponed his retirement in order to carry out a Presidential assignment in China.

"I'm going to Washington tomorrow," General Iko said as I entered the office. "But I'll be back."

He didn't come back.

(THE END)

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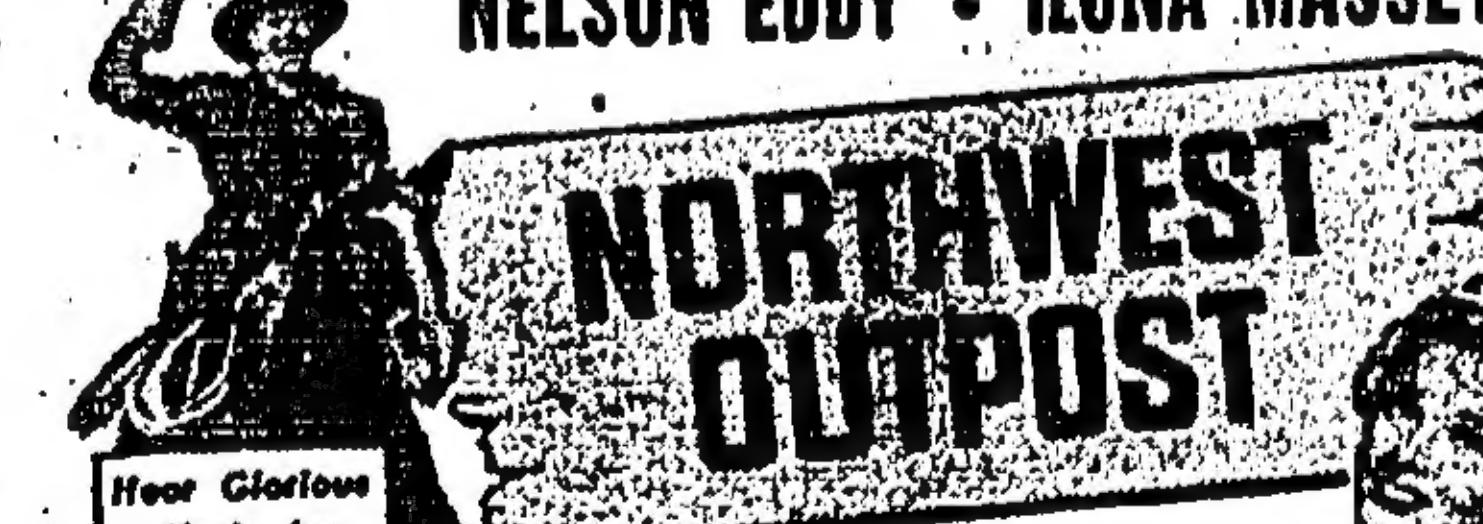
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German Pianist Beats The Gun

New York, Jan. 25.—The German pianist, Walter Gieseking, left here on Air France plane for Paris, 45 minutes before the deadline set for his departure by the Immigration authorities.

Asked by reporters if he was disappointed at returning without a pocketful of dollars, Gieseking said, "I can earn enough in Europe."

He added, however, that he had never been so badly treated in any other country.

"They have been asking for contributions everywhere—in South America, Scandinavia, Portugal, Holland. This is the first time I have not been treated as an artist."—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

For programme summary: 4:01, Children's Story: "Through the Looking Glass" by Lewis Carroll, Episode 1; "Lookin' Glass House" (BBC1); 6:20, Duke Ellington and His Orchestra (BBC1); 6:45, "The Story of the Piano" (Studio 1); 7:00, World News and News Analysis (London News); 7:15, "Wednesday Night at 7:15" (Studio 1); 7:30, "Jay McInerney" and "The Winter King" (Studio 1); 7:45, "The Tenor Relay" (Studio 1); 8:00, "Fever" (Studio 1); 8:15, "The Weatherman" (Studio 1); 8:30, "It's in the Air" (Variety Request Programme). Presented by Susan Hayward. Duration 90 minutes, by 10:15 P.M.

"Germany and her Place in Europe" No. 2: "The Occupation Statute" (Studio); 9:30, "Turbo-Jet

GIVE RUGBY MEN A CHAMPIONSHIP

By JOHN MACADAM

Just the other day we were talking to the hon. sec. of a West Country Rugby club who, at great expenditure of personal time, cost, and labour keeps his gang of fishermen, clerks, barrow-trundlers, and occasional indigent gentlemen going as what you might call a good-going side.

He wasn't at all worried about the outgoings, which were considerable, and were met regularly by himself and his dozens of half-a-guinea-a-year vice-presidents.

Mostly, he was worried by the such side will be against us (and lack of interest that was shown by the general public—apart from those of them who attended his meadow once a fortnight—in his fixtures, and complained:

"Unless I can advertise that Roslyn Park or Blackheath or some

such side will be against us (and I can seldom do such a thing in time to help the gate a lot), nobody in the locality seems to care a lot."

Now, this appears to be a damning thing about Rugby football in this country today. Soccer has its fixture list to which anybody can react as he picks and chooses. But Rugby enthusiasts have to exist on the old, regularised fixtures with the old lit-bit thrown in.

IT LACKS 'BITE'

Lack of official competition is taking the bite out of Rugby—or, at least, is confining the bite to individual players and to chosen opposing sides.

What is needed, obviously, is a competition that need not model itself on anything more commercially minded than the County Cricket Championship, and here is a considerable rendering of these columns, by name of R. G. Stratton, of Bath, Sonora, to point the way back to the Rugby Union. By a levelling-out of fixtures to that an unofficial (why not official?) championship may be run.

The championship—and our hon. sec. friend is not against him in this—would not mean the disbanding of all these attractive traditional fixtures like tours of Cornwall. It would merely mean that 20 or 30 of the top-ranking sides would play each other home and away.

He gives his own list of the top-ranking clubs, invites assault and battery by suggesting that Newbridge and Oxford University could be added and Plymouth Albion left out, and suggests that percentages could be arrived at by setting points obtained (two for a win and one for a draw) against maximum points.

He even makes the revolutionary suggestion that "someone should get matches to start at the (too often unadvertised) time of kick-off."

NOW, SHOOT!

Meantime, by these methods, Mr Stratton, painstakingly, has sorted out last season's Rugby Union championship like this:

Cardiff 96.64, Neath 66.66, London Scottish 66.66, Gloucester 65.22, Newport 64.52 Cambridge University 63.87, Northampton 63.14, Pontypool 62.50, Swansea 62.50, Bedford 61.00, Coventry 55.54, Guy's Hospital 50.00, Llanelly 47.62, Bristol 42.57, Leicester 41.08, Blackheath 40.00, Plymouth Albion 33.33, Richmond 29.54, London Welsh 28.94, Harlequins 28.26, Bath 23.68, United Services 23.53, Devonport Servicemen 23.33, Rosslyn Park 23.33.

Go on, chaps—shoot us down in flames.

ON THE RECORD

Next Time That Pearce Bowls

There are eight KCC batsmen, six from Craigengower and an assortment from other League sides who now know exactly what to do the next time Alec Pearce comes on to bowl for the Scorpions.

There is nothing to it at all," said one KCC man, unstrapping his pads. "He keeps a good length and there's a very slight spin. I shouldn't have stepped back."

"The right way to treat it," said the next, back in the pavilion a few minutes later, "is to step out and hit him to cover!"

There is general agreement in the bowled by Pearce Club that his bowling is of the type that one treats aggressively. Meanwhile, as the post mortems still go on, Alec Pearce leads the bowling averages with a figure of 7.58 runs a wicket, a good percentage bowled or c. & b.

Several of our League opening bowlers have suggested that it is not quite safe to bring into the averages second-change bowlers who have reaped a harvest of wickets at the expense of the rabbits of the tail.

Even if we cross them out, Alec Pearce still leads the field. He is the only opening bowler this season to take eight wickets in a League match.

Meanwhile, "George" is now four ahead in the race for a hundred wickets. He may yet have to ask the Skipper to be less devastating if he is to bag another 36 out of Scorpions' matches to complete the century.

Two of the most luckless sportsmen in town are the University hockey players, S. N. Ponniah and D. Chellini. A place in the Inter-college Hockey team would have meant a University Green for them.

There wasn't very much to choose between Ponniah and Lall Singh, Chellini's goal-keeper, who was selected. I would finally favour the Chellini player but on the strength of trial performance, Ponniah was really tested and acquitted himself well while Lall Singh had little else to do but watch the play at the other end of the field.

As for Chellini, he was definitely the only selection for the inside-right berth on the Colony team and

BOXING AWARD WINNERS



GOLF

Ben Hogan Wins Long Beach Open

Long Beach, California, Jan. 25.—Bantam Ben Hogan clipped four strokes off par to get 67 and defeat Jimmy Demaret today in the 18-hole playoff for the US\$2,000 first place money in the US\$10,000 Long Beach Open golf tournament. Demaret shot 69.

Hogan, dapper little Texan, thus collected his second tournament win in a row after a dismal opening in the Los Angeles Open.

The always colourful Demaret pocketed runner-up money of \$1,400 and he split half of today's receipts (at \$2 a head) from a crowd of 2,500 with Hogan.

While not registering a sensational round on the short Lakewood Country Club course, Hogan played it cleanly and surely all the way, as he had done in getting a 272 total for the regular 72 holes.—United Press.

Changes In Army Boxing Team

London, Jan. 25.—Following the visit of a team to Germany which beat the BAOR sides by eight to six and seven to five in Hamburg, the Army may make three changes in the side to meet London at the Albert Hall next Tuesday.

A lightweight, Neil Phillips (REME) takes over the first-string position from Harry Urch (RAA), who now becomes second-string choice.

R. Crookes (RAA) is preferred as first choice in the middleweight selection to C. Burn (KRA), while at the welterweight selection A. Murray comes in at second string in place of Joe Lucy.—Reuter.

Holding awards they received at the dinner of the Boxing Writers' Association of New York are (left to right): Dan Morgan, 25-year-old veteran light manager, with wrist watch award; Ike Williams, lightweight champion from Trenton, N.J., with the Edward J. Neil Memorial Award as the man who did the most for boxing in 1948; and Rocky Castellani of Luzerne, Pa., who was awarded the "Rookie of the Year" medal.

Morgan also was to receive the James J. Walker Memorial Plaque for "long and meritorious service to boxing."—AP Wirephoto.

FRANK BUTLER'S COLUMN

ALEX GOES BACK WITH HIS TRICKS

Alex James has returned to Highbury—in time for the Cup. After a dozen years on the outside looking in, dear Old Baggy Pants is back where he belongs as coach to the club which he helped to make famous.

Tom Whitlaker, the Arsenal boss, has brought off a Soccer coup by persuading Alex to return to the fold of the late Herbert Chapman. I say *persuade* because James the Great is not only too shy of his own genius, but is an independent character.

Alex James would bring home the bacon. And now, at the ripe young age of 47, the greatest inside left I ever watched is still bringing home the bacon.

Any morning between 8 and 12, you'll find him feeding, washing, and caring for nearly 300 of the stock of a Southgate pig-farm. At least 1,000 pigs go out from this farm to the Ministry of Food each year.

In place of the famous baggy pants that brought a warm glow to every Arsenal fan's heart you'll find a pair of overalls and an oversized pair of top-boots.

You might wonder—as I did—why James the Great is apparently wanting a brilliant Soccer brain on pigs. Alex chuckled this reply: "I guess it's because I like pigs...Me become a football manager? Why should I want to develop users?"

THEY'RE FUSSY

The truth of the matter is that Alex's former friend, Sian Allon, offered to show him the ropes in case he would like a small farm of his own. As in football, he chose the hard way to learn.

"I've got to know all about pigs," says Alex. "They're like big kids. You've got to care for them, feed, wash, clean, and keep them warm. They're more fussy than most people think."

But while the little man with the merry face and bushy eye-brows likes pigs, he doesn't reckon he'll go ahead with a farm of his own.

"I don't mind the hard work," he says, "but I wouldn't make any money out of it, because I'd end up giving the pigs away."

Do the pigs recognise Alex? He isn't sure, but old Albert, a pigman on the farm, swears they do.

"When I go into their houses, they won't come out—when Alex goes in the pigs run out," says Albert. And the odd side of it all is that Alex James has no sense of smell—which seems one good reason why he is always smiling on the job.

NEVER REPLACED

Alex James was not any ordinary footballer. Great footballers come once in a decade, and the successor to Arsenal's little wonder man is Stanley Matthews. When Matthews retires it may be another decade or two before another genius takes over.

How they could do with Alex James at Arsenal today! He has never been replaced. Bryan Jones (£14,000 fee), a fine player, could not take on his mantle.

Now Forbes—another Alex—who has been tried in James's old position, is in the news. Ashton Villa and Leicester City yesterday made bids for the red-headed Scot, but he said he would not leave Arsenal.

Sheffield Shield

Brisbane, Jan. 25.—Victoria, who had forced a Queensland to follow on, had to be content with first innings points today in their Sheffield Shield match which ended here.

At a result, New South Wales are now assured of finishing at the head of the table.

Queensland, who had followed on 233 runs in circuit, ended their second innings score to 421. When the match ended Victoria had made 13 runs without loss.—Reuter.

DECLINE OF A GAME

English Billiards Is On Its Way Out

By SYDNEY SKILTON

English-style billiards, which for some time has been on its way out, has now put on its hat and is walking down the path that leads to antiquity.

The hat act came when the Billiards Association and Control Council announced that the 1948-49 professional championship of the United Kingdom was to be abandoned. Only two entries were received, and both were subsequently withdrawn.

The 1947-48 winner, Sidney Smith of Doncaster, retired from the game immediately after becoming champion, and it may well be that his name will be the last of a long list which dates from the middle of the last century.

When retiring, Smith said that he could no longer afford the time to practise a game which had been ousted from public favour by snooker.

This is also the view of all the top-grade professional cueists, who, although recognising that billiards is a clever game, must look to their livelihood.

They do so profitably by meeting the requirements of the vast public demand for snooker entertainment.

MORE THAN GAME

English billiards has been described as a test of mathematical exactitude in the application of dynamics. In other words, it requires an enormous amount of concentration and is, therefore, more than just a game.

Today's sportsman prefers relaxation when engaged in his non-athletic pastime, and this he can do in the breezy and adventurous game of snooker, which is played on the same tables as those used for billiards.

One can become a fairly good snooker player quite soon and improve all the time while having fun. The sombre, cathedral-like atmosphere always associated with English billiards has been supplanted by a certain amount of hilarity. Flukes, which are a source of disgust to the earnest billiards man, lend enchantment and gaiety to snooker.

The broad principle of snooker, or Snooker's Pool to give it its full and correct name, is that the white ball (always the cut ball) is used to drive a red ball into one of the table's six pockets.

Then one of the coloured balls is selected in an endeavour to do likewise. If unsuccessful, then an opponent takes over; but if successful, the process is repeated with a red and then another colour. This goes on until all the reds have been disposed of.

SCORES POINT

Putting a red down scores one point. Once a red is down it stays there, but a colour is returned to its previously appointed position. When the last red has been "potted," the colours are then taken in sequence, i.e. yellow, which counts two points; green, 3; brown, 4; blue, 5; pink, 6; and black, 7.

That is the positive side of the play. The negative side lies in executing, or persuading, your opponent to execute, "foul" shots.

These are too numerous to be enunciated in close detail, but the main ones are perpetrated by hitting a ball other than the one you should, missing the objective altogether, or causing the white to enter a pocket.

You can best persuade your opponent to do this by interposing a ball, or balls, between the cue ball and the ball that he is required to hit.

When you have done that you are said to have "old a snooker" and you have reason to be very pleased with yourself. Of course, the opponent may exultate himself from the difficulty you have set him and in doing so snooker you. But that only adds to the enjoyment of the game.

SNOOKER CENTRE

Chief snooker centre in England is Thorntons Hall, famous billiards landmark in Leicester Square since 1901, and now named Leicester Square Hall.

Thorntons was badly damaged during an air-raid in October, 1941. In its reconstruction the owners have allowed for increased public demand for professional snooker and a recreation which is full-of-interest is available.

The professional matches staged here throughout the season attract capacity crowds and are a sheer delight to watch.

While at billiards the cleverness of these wizards of the cue passes

TODAY'S HOCKEY SPECIAL

The big match of the local hockey season takes place this afternoon at Sooknupoo where the Colony Interpol XI meets the Combined Services.

With the Interpol being played in Macao, this afternoon's game, which commences at 4.30 p.m., will be the game of the year for local followers of hockey.

The teams will be:

INTERPOL XI

Lal Singh (Khalsa)

A. Neary (Recreo)

Diagat Singh (Khalsa)

Halig (RN)

W. A. Reed (Recreo)

Capt. Monaghan (Army)

J. Spares (Recreo)

B. T. Gosano (Khalsa)

E. Fowler (OSHO)

Lt. Cdr. Alton (RN)

Mathewson (RN)

COMBINED SERVICES

Williams (RN)

W. Doyle (RAF)

QMS Webb (Army)

PO Slammer (RN)

Cdr. Byng (RN)

PO Roger (RN)

Pte. Bell (Army)

Major Pollock (Army)

• FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

• MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Smother Play Most Difficult To Detect

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

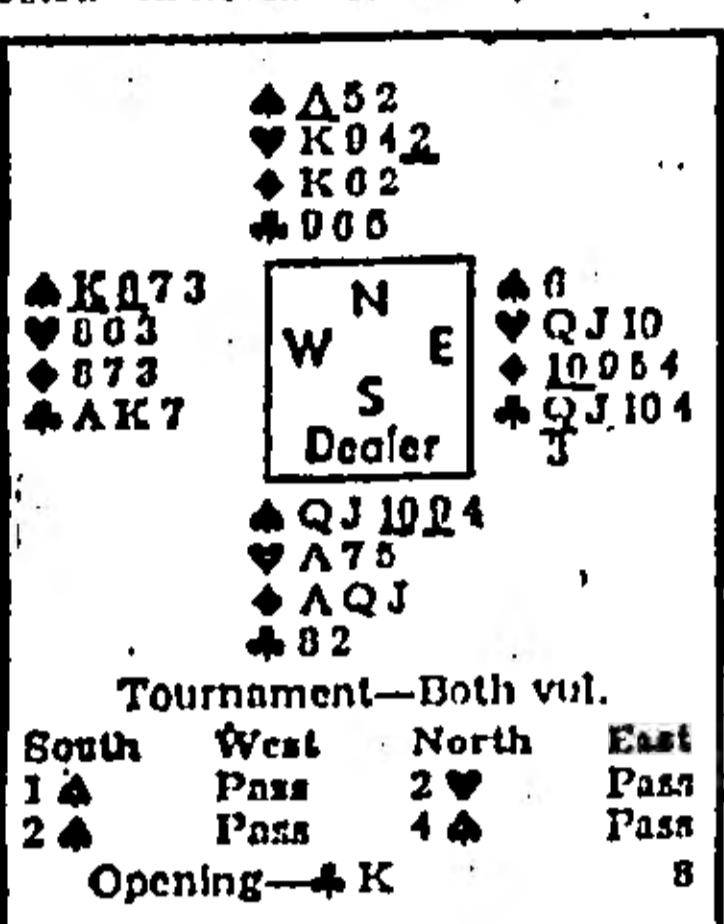
We present to you the most fascinating and difficult play in bridge, the smother play. Every few years, by popular request, I run a series of articles on the smother play. This is the most difficult of all plays to recognize in actual competition. Few of the top ranking experts of the country have had the actual thrill of executing the play. Occasionally at the end of a hand, they suddenly realize that if they had done so and so, they could have made a smother play. If you study this week's articles carefully and be-



Check Your Knowledge

- What is toxicology?
- Name two islands in the English Channel that are famous for breeds of cattle bearing their name.
- What people shot their horses with straw slippers previous to the nineteenth century?
- Who was the "Beloved Disciple"?
- What was the nationality of Omar Khayyam?
- Which will float in water, a stale egg or a fresh one?

(Answers in Column 3)



come familiar with all the angles of the play, it may be your pleasure to run across one soon.

Years ago today's hand was shown to me by the late Phil Leon, of Cleveland, who was considered one of the greatest card analysts of the country.

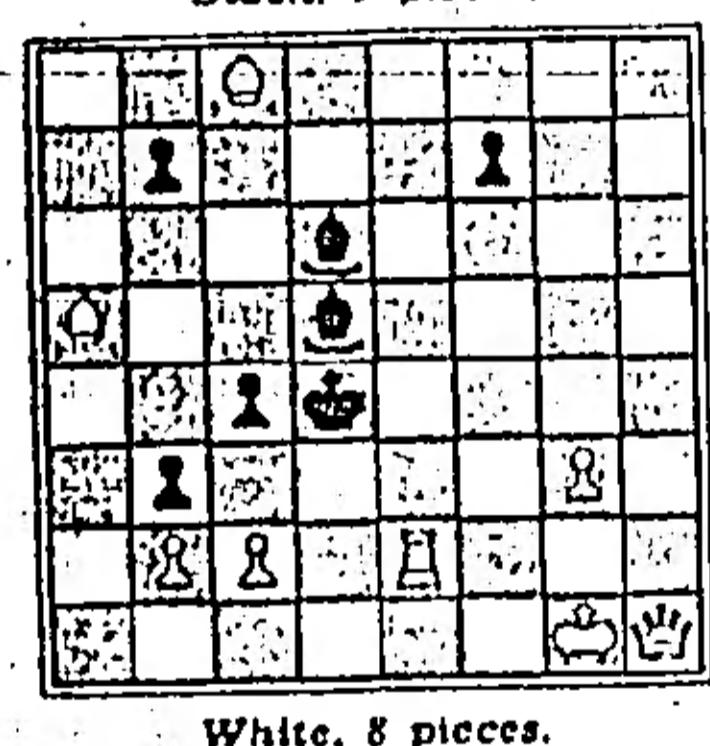
The point is, how can West be kept from making the king of trumps?

The first two tricks are won by West with the king and ace of clubs, and the third club is trumped by declarer with the four of spades. South then leads the queen of spades, and West refuses to cover. The jack of spades is led, and again West will not cover.

Now declarer cashes three diamond tricks, the ace and king of hearts, and leads the third heart. All hands are down to the cards underlined. Dummy has the ace of spades and deuce of hearts. Declarer holds the ten and nine of trumps. East is forced to lead either the ten of diamonds or the ace of clubs, either of which South will trump with the nine of spades. West has only the king, eight of spades. If he over-trumps with the king, dummy's ace will win. If he under-trumps with the eight-spot, the nine holds the trick, and the ace of trumps will win the last trick.

CHESS PROBLEM

By F. W. MARTINDALE



White to play and mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-B8, threat, 2. Kt-B1. R-B2; 2. QxR.

CROSSWORD



Across: 1. And C. Account of events in the Middle Ages. (18.) 2. From which a pure tear may drop. (18.) 3. Reverses for a statue. (6.) 4. Large expanse of water. (4.) 5. Where one is not mixed up. (6.) 6. The ship's company. (4.) 7. It just doesn't make sense. (5.) 8. It's a definite refusal. (3.) 9. A person's name is valued in Fleet Street. (10.) 10. It's a pure thing. (5.) 11. It's not mixed up in the shrub. (16.) Down: 1. A marked peculiarity of style. (10.) 2. They are made from dim pieces. (5.) 3. Array. (4.) 4. Space. (4.) 5. However they look and sound. (10.) 6. The shortest and easiest path. (4.) 7. Bee 1 Across. (6.) 8. Rend. (6.) 10. A bear this is extremely uncommon. (6.) 9. A person's name is valued in Fleet Street. (10.) 11. It's not mixed up in the shrub. (16.)

12. Symbol of the British. (4.) 13. In the vernacular, apprehend. (5.) Solution of yesterday's puzzle: Across: 1. Go back for RED RYDER DUCHESS. 2. Tell him if he wants to see BETH ALIVE AGAIN TO COME HERE! 3. Message for Red. 4. You'll wish you hadn't ACE HANLEY! 5. I'll be waiting for you! 6. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 7. YOU'RE SHOOTING TOO GOOD FOR THAT RED RIDER IN COWBOY! 8. NO, BETH! 9. SHOOTING TOO GOOD FOR THAT RED RIDER IN COWBOY! 10. THE BACK! 11. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 12. YOU'RE SHOOTING TOO GOOD FOR THAT RED RIDER IN COWBOY! 13. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 14. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 15. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 16. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 17. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 18. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 19. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 20. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 21. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 22. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 23. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 24. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 25. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 26. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 27. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 28. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 29. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 30. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 31. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 32. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 33. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 34. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 35. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 36. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 37. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 38. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 39. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 40. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 41. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 42. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 43. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 44. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 45. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 46. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 47. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 48. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 49. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 50. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 51. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 52. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 53. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 54. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 55. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 56. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 57. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 58. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 59. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 60. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 61. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 62. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 63. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 64. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 65. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 66. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 67. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 68. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 69. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 70. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 71. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 72. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 73. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 74. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 75. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 76. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 77. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 78. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 79. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 80. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 81. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 82. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 83. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 84. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 85. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 86. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 87. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 88. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 89. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 90. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 91. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 92. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 93. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 94. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 95. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 96. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 97. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 98. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 99. I KNOW YOUR PLANS! 100. I KNOW YOUR PLANS!

RED RYDER



MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

WHO'S THE LAWRENCE OF WORLD WAR TWO?

WHO was the T. E. Lawrence of World War II, when so much was achieved behind enemy lines by guerrilla fighters trained and led by white horses?

Was he Colonel F. Spencer Chapman, whose single-handed exploits in the fastnesses of the Malayan jungle accomplished—in the words of Admiral Viscount Mountbatten—more than a whole division of the British Army? We know of no one who has a stronger claim.

In his foreword to *THE JUNGLE IS NEUTRAL*, (Chotto & Windus, 18s.) Field Marshal Earl Wavell writes:

"Inevitably Colonel Chapman's adventures and achievements recall those of a famous character of the last war, T. E. Lawrence, who also endured greatly and survived by the high quality of his spirit... for sheer courage and endurance, physical and mental, the two men stand together as examples of what toughness the body will find, if the spirit within it is tough..."

When war broke out Spencer was a housemaster at Gordonstoun School, Morayshire, and though he had been a member of Gino Watkins' Greenland Expeditions, he certainly possessed no knowledge of Malaya—or Far Eastern peoples—to equip him with a carshot of the execution squads disposing of native spies and informers!

for the three years he was to spend training Chinese to harass the Japanese, by sabotage and sporadic raiding.

"The Jungle Is Neutral"—or is it? Surprising that the man who endured arduous marches—on one occasion six days barefooted and without food—black-water fever and tick-typus should ascribe "neutrality" to the country where his name became a myth. "Armed neutrality"—may be.

Colonel Spencer's chronicle of his adventures is simply written and factual. In one chapter he even gives an intimate account of life in a "trader-killing camp" where he took refuge after his escape from his Japanese captors. Here it is that he tells us the greatest continuous ordeal of his sojourn in the jungle was lack of reading matter, and that he read and re-read *Sexton Blake's "The Murdered Mahout"* and *Zane Grey's "The Man Of The Forest"* all within carshot of the execution squads disposing of native spies and informers!

THE FLYING SAUCER
By Bernard Newman
(Gollancz, 9s.)

Papa Pontivy, untruly, half-bald and with drooping moustache and once the brains of Franco's counterespionage system, has become one of the most familiar figures in spy-thriller fiction.

This time it is the first rocket (not the German variety) to fall in England that sets Pontivy probing a series of events that swept everything else off the front pages of the daily papers.

It all happened one Whitewash weekend in that part of Charnwood Forest, known as Bradgate Park, which was once the home of Lady Jane Grey and which is now the haunt of ramblers from Leicester. Seen streaking across the sky was a bright light, like an "enormous shooting star" and making a shrill whistle noise that faded into a low-pitched moan. The "bright light" struck the earth without exploding, and found buried in a hole next day was a cylinder bearing hieroglyphics which no one could decipher. More dramatic still were press headlines—*"A Message From Mars!"*

Bernard Newman is as ingenious as ever with his plot; and Pontivy has lost none of his cunning. An intelligent "thriller"—as topical as today's newspaper.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

BORN today, you have a very high degree of personal magnetism and this attracts many people into your sphere. However, as if to counterbalance this, you do not appear to have the ability to give your complete love and devotion to any one individual for long. Your affections go out to the whole world, rather than to any one, single person. You might never wed although you have a capacity for holding the friendship of both sexes for a lifetime.

Your psychic powers are more than average and, if developed, might become quite extraordinary. However, your code of ethics and personal honour must be held high, for to take advantage of others, less

gilded than you are in this respect, would not be tenable.

You have a great deal of positive energy and once you get your mind set on something, you are capable of pushing to a successful conclusion despite all kinds of opposition. You are very observant and an excellent judge of character. One of the fields in which you might do very well is that of personnel work. Diplomacy, if trained in the field of politics, would also prove interesting. Psychology or the newer field of psychiatry also would fit into your particular talents.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)—Continue anything begun yesterday and follow through to get the best possible results. Romance beckons.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 21)—Office workers are favoured and in any argument with the employer, you should get the benefit of the doubt.

ARIES (Mar. 22 - Apr. 20)—If a change of residence is indicated, it may all be for the best in the long run. Be fair-minded about it.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 19)—New partnerships, either romantic or business, receive the stars favour now. Make decisions.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Silence, not ascent, is your best method in dealing with anything which does not look basically sound.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Postpone important decisions, but hold the ground if contested on something you know to be sound.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Romance favoured. Marriage or engagements are highlighted. Mak

plans for the future.

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

A NGRY letter, accusing me of treating policewomen as a joke, cuts me to the quick. A joke? Why, their strange beauty has always stirred me with a sweet trouble.

Seen against the sunset, their little hats set firmly on their heads, their stern classical faces innocent of provoking dimples or alluring smile, they seem to be carved out of stone. Yet, beneath those rough-spun tunics beat warm hearts. They, too, know a mother's love and even now, when a strain of music steals from a public-house door, those cold eyes fill with memory, and a heavy tear splashes the pavement. The music ceases, and once more they assume the importunate loneliness of square stone columns forgotten among the ruins of an ancient city.

et tua transitus contemnens ossa violator.

Nec dicit cinctis hic putrina pueri fuit."

So (or very nearly so) wrote

Propertius of his Cynthia. Twill

serve, aye, marry, an I wot not.

For Comrade Haldane

THEY tell me, that the great Sobolov, the People's Scientist, has discovered that capitalist scientists have been all wrong about the Law of Gravity. According to Sobolov's interpretation of Marx's dialectic the earth repels instead of attracting, and a stone, dropped from a height rises instead of falling. No other interpretation can be tolerated, since they are outworn remnants of reactionary bourgeois superstition.

Faiths divers

The gardener said he was struck

by a tomato when coming out of a

greenhouse in the castle grounds.

(News item.)

POEM

(Based on an old French proverb)

People who live in Chateaux

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Mr Bevin Puts The Marshall Plan Record Straight

NOT AIMED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION

London, Jan. 25.—There was never any idea behind the Marshall Plan to create a means in which "we could build a force to defeat the Soviet Government some day in the future," Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, told a luncheon of the Foreign Press Association in London today.

"I was extremely sorry that the Russians could not see or seize the opportunity that the Marshall Plan and the subsequent developments of a European group offered to the peace of the world," he said.

Raising his voice, the Foreign Secretary said: "They seem to assume that all we were doing was trying to create a kind of barrier or a means by which we could build a force to defeat the Government some day in the future.

"Now I assert with all solemnity that that never entered our heads. Our one object was to give happiness, contentment and a decent standard of life to the masses of Europe who had suffered from the terrible attack that had been made upon it."

Declaring that the Organisation of European Economic Co-operation was not merely a committee for the Marshall Plan, Mr Bevin said it was a "continuing organisation intended to go on after the United States

has gone."

"I am not going to claim that we all agree about the four-year plan and that everything is rosy," he said. "But I am quite convinced that we are creating what I call a European mentality instead of a French, British, Scandinavian and Benelux mentality."

ONE ENTITY

"If Europe is to be saved, it has to be in the end one entity and it must be together."

There were two ways of achieving this, Mr Bevin said. One was poli-

Smuts Criticises SA Govt.

No Confidence Motion

Capetown, Jan. 25.—General Smuts moved a vote of no confidence in the South African Government in the Assembly today, declaring that South Africa was faced with a grave economic position besides a racial situation of extreme gravity.

"I am afraid that the significance of what happened in Durban (he was referring to the recent Durban riots) is not realised," he said. "That was a unique phenomenon—it is a situation pointing to forces on the move in South Africa and to signs of conflict and friction amongst the various sections of the population. If that is the trend of affairs one asks 'what is going to happen in our multiracial population'."

General Smuts thanked Prime Minister Dr Daniel Malan for his "very full and explicit" statement on the unhappy occurrences in Durban."

He said: "My only regret is that there has not been an earlier opportunity for making a statement because no doubt a great deal of the trouble the Prime Minister has referred to has been due to the absence of any authoritative statement on what has happened."

DANGEROUS EVENTS

Replying to an intervention by Mr C. R. Swart, the Minister for Justice, who said: "We made a statement in Durban and gave figures," General Smuts said: "Yes, up to a point, but not giving the whole picture as the Prime Minister has done."

"Although these events are very big and dangerous I hope the country will be reassured that the storm is probably passed."

General Smuts criticised the Government's intention of abolishing the native representation in the Assembly and removing coloured voters from the voters' poll.

He said the argument was that Parliament polls, under sovereign legislative powers, repeat the South Africa Act without a two-thirds majority.

The South Africa Act was not a British act, but the most solemn one South Africa had ever passed and it was surrounded by sentiment and feeling, he said. "It was a matter of good faith and South Africa's honour, and should be prized as the work of South African statesmen."

The debate on the no-confidence motion is expected to last four days. —Reuter.

Mountain Expedition Not Yet Arranged

Oslo, Jan. 25.—M. Henning Trenberth, President of the Norwegian Mountaineering Club, said today that reports of a Norwegian expedition to attempt to climb the 26,020-foot Nanga Parbat in 1950 were "over hasty."

"Administrative difficulties involved were great, and no arrangements have as yet been discussed," he added. Despite the eagerness of many Norwegian climbers, such an expedition was unlikely.—Reuter.



"Must you leave so early? We were resigned to your staying much later."

Odom Fails In Non-Stop Flight Attempt



Bill Odom steps from his light plane at the Oakland, California, airport after being forced to abandon his non-stop flight from Honolulu to New York because of a gas shortage. He nevertheless set a new non-stop record for light planes.—AP Picture.

Philosophy Behind Pres. Truman's Domestic Programme Is Explained

Washington, Jan. 25.—The Secretary of Commerce, Mr Charles Sawyer, said today that Business has nothing to worry about from the new Truman Administration unless "it is afraid of no more years of prosperity."

The philosophy behind President Truman's programme, Mr Sawyer said in an exclusive interview, is to achieve co-operation between government and business that will insure maintenance of healthy economic prosperity.

He added: "Of course, we cannot expect that in the common effort various segments will not be asked to make some sacrifices. We have to have taxes to pay our way. A certain amount of controls are due in order to protect our economy and there should be continuation of the voluntary agreements programme."

Mr Sawyer was scheduled to testify before the Senate Banking Committee later today on extending the government's authority to work out voluntary allocation agreements with industry. The Secretary wants this authority to be continued as an interim measure until Congress passes legislation giving the President power to allocate scarce materials.

The present programme, which is due to expire on February 28, permits industries to agree among themselves on allocating scarce goods and grants them immunity from the anti-trust laws.

NO PUNITIVE TAXATION

As for taxes, Mr Sawyer said the President will leave it up to Congress to decide how the additional revenue is to be raised. But in any case he was sure Mr Truman has no idea of punitive taxation in mind.

What about the business outlook? "Some soft spots are showing up," Mr Sawyer added. "But certainly there is no reason to believe a general decline is in progress. There is continuing demand. Perhaps some slowdown in tempo is desirable, rather than a cause for alarm."

Mr Sawyer said business activity appears to be in a "sort of levelling off process."

"After all we have been driving ahead hard since the end of the war and sometimes we get a little further ahead than we should," he said.

He said he had heard "gossip" that business is "lying down" because of dissatisfaction with the Administration. He insisted, however, he had seen "no such evidence."

Mr Sawyer concluded: "I think business has behaved all right. It has been co-operative. It has worked hard and gone along with the establishment in Scandinavia of peace-time bases by those nations."

POCKET CARTOON



DEFENCE UNION TALKS FAIL

Stockholm, Jan. 25.—Swedish Parliamentary circles today considered that the Scandinavian defence talks in Copenhagen had failed, despite last night's communique, because the Swedes and Norwegians could not agree on the terms for an approach to the United States and Britain.

According to these sources, the Norwegians insisted that the Nordic countries should ask Britain and the United States for:

1.—The right to buy Anglo-American arms in peace-time.

2.—Anglo-American military aid if any of the three countries should be attacked.

3.—Collaboration between Scandinavia and the prospective North Atlantic Pact signatories, without the establishment in Scandinavia of peace-time bases by those nations.

SWEDISH ATTITUDE

The Swedes, on the other hand, while emphasising their readiness to declare war on any country which attacked Norway or Denmark, said they would not ask the United States and Britain for guarantees linking the Nordic countries with "any group of great powers."

For this reason they wanted to ask Britain and America only for the right to make peace-time weapons purchases from them.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, M. Helvar Lange, said in a broadcast today that the talks were not intended to come to any definite decisions but were meant to be "purely for information."

In an interview with Norwegian State broadcasting representative in Copenhagen, M. Lange stated that an agreement was reached on many points, but there were considerable differences of opinion on the conditions for, and consequences of, a possible Scandinavian defence union.

The three powers decided that if no agreement was reached at the final meeting of Premiers, Defence and Foreign Ministers in Oslo on January 29, each responsible Government would have to make its own decisions on security and defence.—Reuter.

CHINESE NEW YEAR ATTRACTION

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA



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